



# Friday Bulletin

8<sup>th</sup>  
September  
2023

## School Attendance by Class

**Flamingos 98.9% Kingfishers 81.6% Jackdaws 95.7% Hummingbirds 93.3%**

Whole School Attendance this week is **92.4%**

Each week the class with the highest attendance will win a £10 voucher, this can be saved and spent on whatever they would like for their class.

This weeks £10 voucher goes to **Flamingos**

**Message from Miss Stedman - First Week Back** Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. Teachers have reported that all children are settling in to the new routines and it is just like we have not been away during the summer period. As usual if you have any concerns or worries please feel free to make an appointment to chat to the relevant class teachers as we want our children to feel as settled and welcome as possible.

**Parent Governors** As you will know in July we asked for parent governor nominations. Two parents across the federation were nominated for the two parent vacancies therefore they are duly elected. Welcome to Martin Scaiff and Lucy Wright, we look forward to working with you.

We will update you on the details of the full governing board in the coming weeks. Chris Scott is the Interim Chair of Governors for this coming period.

**Iron on Badges** Our school uniform badges are available at a cost £1.45 each. If you require any, please contact the Office.

**Tuck and Drinks** Please can you let the Office know if you do not wish your child to have tuck or drinks or you wish to limit the amount per week. If your child is having tuck and drinks, you will need to top up on ParentMail. These are not included in the universal free school meals scheme.

**Swimming** Due to a problem with the pool, there will be no swimming for Year 3 and 4 on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**Amendments** If your child has any amended health or dietary issues over the summer, can you please let the office know so we can amend our records.

**Bikeability Year 3** This will take place in school on 19<sup>th</sup> September for Year 3 children only at present. There is no charge for this and it will take place during the school day. Please return the consent form if your child wishes to participate.

**Class Dojo** Class Dojo is a wonderful tool we use in school to keep you up to date with what is happening in the classroom and your child's education. Please make sure you are connected. All instructions for how to do this would have been sent out by your child's class teacher. If you are still unable to connect, please ask a member of staff to help you. Class Dojo is where teachers will share a lot of information regarding things that are happening in school and also weekly updates about what the children are learning. If you are messaging your child's teacher, it is for non-urgent communication only. We ask that teachers have up to 24 hours to respond to messages on Dojo, and actively encourage you to speak with your child's class teacher on the playground and/or arrange a time to meet with them in person if you need to discuss anything else.

**Universal Free School Meals** Pupils who moved into Year 3 in September will no longer be eligible for the Universal School Meal Programme (UFSM). Under the current government scheme, these are only available to Reception and Years 1 and 2.

If you are a parent of a Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 child and are on a low income, you may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). I would like to reassure parents that any information regarding FSM is confidential.

For those not eligible for UFSM or FSM, School lunches are available and drinks can be purchased by the children at mealtimes.

Clive is passionate about providing every child with a healthy and nutritious diet and goes to inordinate lengths to ensure this is the case. Please make contact if your child has any special dietary needs. He will always adapt hot lunches/school packed lunches to cater for these, so you can be assured your child's needs are met.

Please note tuck will continue on a Tuesday and Friday at a cost of 50p per item. Please top up your balance on ParentMail. Tuck and cartons of drink are extra items to the school menu and are chargeable for all children.

**Admin Updates** The start of term is always very busy for consents etc. Some forms have been sent via ParentMail or a printed copy. Please could you complete and return asap, so we have all consents in place for your child. If you have any queries, please contact the Office.

Also could you please advise the office if you or your family have changed any emergency contact telephone numbers, email addresses or family member details so we can update our records accordingly.

Please see attached Fixed Penalty Notice letter, nut allergy letter and information on attendance too.

**Wellies** Any un-named wellies will be put on the playground until 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please collect if they belong to your child. Any unclaimed will be given to a local charity or destroyed. Can you please ensure that all uniform, trainers and wellies are named.

**The weather will be getting colder** Could you please ensure that your child has a warm named coat in school every day.

**Used School Uniform** The Friends will be having a sales table with good quality, used school uniform on Tues 19th Sept at 3.15 pm on the school playground (Weather permitting).

**Afterschool and Breakfast Club** Can you please complete an afterschool form and forward to the Office and continue to book Breakfast Club through ParentMail.

## **Diary Dates**

Year 3 and 4 residential 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Bikeability for Year 3 - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023



Every Day

Counts



# Supporting Good

# School Attendance

## Guidance for Parents / Carers

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

Did you know?



**90%**  
**Attendance**

for one year = 4 weeks of learning missed, this is called persistent absence.



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**Norfolk**  
County Council

Research has shown that there is a strong link between levels of attendance at school and levels of achievement. Students with high levels of attendance tend to gain better results in tests and examinations than students with lower attendance levels. Children with good attendance are more than twice as likely to pass their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those who are persistently absent.

## How you can help your child have good attendance

- ✓ Get into good routines: start the year right and make attendance a priority, or even better, get into good habits from the start of nursery!
- ✓ Show an interest in school and education; attend parents meetings, concerts and other school events.
- ✓ Talk about school at home: ask your child what they're learning, how their friends are and how they're getting on.
- ✓ Encourage your child to take part in school activities.
- ✓ Don't let your child take time off school for minor ailments: particularly those which would not stop you from going to work.
- ✓ Where possible, make appointments outside of school hours.
- ✓ Take family holidays during school holiday time only.
- ✓ Encourage your child to tell you about any problems they may have at school. If you know or think that your child is having difficulties attending school, you should contact the school straight away.
- ✓ Acknowledge, praise and reward good or improved attendance, even small successes.

For advice on support for your child's attendance, speak to your school or visit [justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance](https://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance)

